

September 2, 2014

The Groton City Council met on the above date at 6:48pm at City Hall for their regular first monthly meeting with the following members present: Fliehs, Blackmun, Opp, McGannon, Muilenburg, Glover, and Mayor Hanlon presiding. Also present were: Ward Gilchrist, Terry Herron, Dwight Zerr, Finance Officer Lowary and representatives from the press.

The 2015 budget was discussed with the department heads. Attorney Johnson enters the meeting during the discussion. Ward Gilchrist, Terry Herron, and Dwight Zerr left the meeting after the discussion.

The minutes were approved as read on a motion by Opp and seconded by Glover. All members present voted aye.

The financial report was approved on a motion by Blackmun and seconded by Glover. All members present voted aye.

The following bills were approved for payment on a motion by McGannon and seconded by Opp. All members present voted aye.

Executive Payroll	369.40	salaries
Administrative Payroll	7,840.32	salaries
Public Safety Payroll	13,105.89	salaries
Public Works Payroll	29,584.44	salaries
Cultural & Recreational Payroll	19,468.99	salaries
First State Bank	8,502.45	ss & wh
City of Groton	126.29	dep refunds, postage
Cons Fed Cr Union	1,125.00	emp savings
April Abeln	436.97	med, dep flex
Car Quest	200.26	supplies
Marie Gengerke	5.17	dep refund
Suzanne Oliver	546.36	refunds
SD Water & Wastewater Assoc	120.00	registration
John Sieh	21.81	refund
Pamela Trautner	213.20	dep refund
US Post Office	208.93	postage
April Abeln	333.50	dep flex
AOS	518.60	antenna
Associated Supply Co	14.58	control
Kathy Bjerke	31.79	bag
Border States	1,075.00	socket, arrestors
Buhls	30.50	rug rent
Chase Visa	3,865.02	motel, gas, chairs, bks, meals
Clark Engineering	19,507.93	engineering
Colonial Research	116.01	cleaner
Commercial Pool	992.91	filter cleaner
Isaiah Cutler	250.00	WSI training
Dakota Tree Company	200.00	move tree
Darrels	13.95	tire repair
Duanes	1,259.91	fuel, oil chg
Mary Fliehs	10.65	refund
Groton Independent	166.52	publishing
Taylor Gustafson	250.00	WSI training
Harry Implement	43.44	mower bearing
HD Supply Waterworks	159.66	curb box, inserts
Heartland Waste	6,280.43	garbage hauling
James Valley Tele	716.56	phone, internet
Johnson, Drew	650.00	legal services
Robert Johnson Const	208,822.17	street reconstruction
Nikki Koehler	225.00	lifeguard training
Travis Kurth	327.04	mileage

Lien Transportation	728.00	hot mix
Kami Lipp	285.00	WSI Training
Locators & Supplies	193.12	safety cabinet
Brenda Madsen	215.00	WSI training
Matheson	52.43	argon
Menards	89.97	fans
NW Energy	1,252.62	natural gas
Palmer Distributing	946.62	repair
Patios Plus	1,403.06	moving slide
Pepsi	489.22	pop
Taryn Rossow	250.00	WSI training
Runnings	66.88	chains sharpened, oil
S&S Lumber	525.85	supplies
SD Dept of Health	140.00	testing
SD Retirement	9,834.86	retirement
Bennett Shabazz	200.00	lifeguard training
USA Bluebook	155.30	hour meters
Van Diest Supply	3,212.00	mosquito spray
Verizon	41.61	data comm
WEB Water	15,973.93	water
Wesco	371.00	hoist
Brianna Woods	280.64	testing, mileage
Wright & Sudlow	80.00	manhole rings

At 7:30pm Tim Thurston came before the Council for the hearing of the malt beverage license for the Red Dragon Saloon. Attorney Johnson requested a release from Tim Thurston of his criminal record to the Council for consideration during this hearing and Tim agreed. Police Chief Stacy Mayou and Police Officer David Hunter entered the meeting during the discussion. Moved by Blackmun and seconded by Glover to grant a malt beverage license to Tim Thurston for the operation of the Red Dragon Saloon. All members present voted aye. Tim Thurston left the meeting.

Chief Mayou and Officer Hunter discussed the need for house numbers on homes for better response time in emergencies. Moved by Opp and seconded by Glover to give 1st Reading to Ordinance 695, House Numbering Regulations. All members present voted aye.

A request from Supt. Joe Schwan of the school for an AED to be located at the soccer field that could be shared with baseball or skating was discussed with the officers. A need for one at the swimming pool and community center were also discussed. The training needed and operation of the units was discussed. Each AED unit costs about \$1,900. Grant funds will be sought for three units.

Chief Mayou discussed the 2015 budget requests. Chief Mayou and Officer Hunter left the meeting.

Options for truck storage and land use for David Miller were discussed and tabled.

A utility bill penalty for Nikki Kotzer due to on-line bill pay and the lack of a postmark on the check was discussed. Cash flow and the fifteen days from mailing the bill until penalty is applied were discussed. Moved by Fliehs and seconded by Glover to deny the request for removal of the penalty. All members present voted aye.

Members were reminded of the DOT meeting Sept 4 at the Groton Community Center on the Hwy 37 project. Glover will try to attend the Community Appeal Workshop in Aberdeen Sept 10-11. A mosquito control workshop will not be attended.

The Mayor was authorized to write a letter of support for the grant application to repair and preserved the stained glass windows in the Trinity Episcopal Historic Church, but membership in the Brown County Historical Society was tabled for the present time.

Moved by Muilenburg and seconded by Opp to authorize the Mayor and Finance Officer to sign a Line of Credit with 1st State Bank for \$300,000 to be used during the cash flow shortage. All members present voted aye.

A request from Duane Kavanaugh to change the administrative rule that requires the water to be shut off at a property to take the sewer and garbage charges off the utility bill was discussed. Moved by Glover and seconded by Opp to deny this request. Members voting aye were: Glover, Opp, Fliehs, Muilenburg, and Blackmun. McGannon voted nay. Motion carried.

Discussion was continued on the 2015 budget, especially funding for the street project. Moved by Fliehs and seconded by McGannon to hold a special meeting on Monday, September 8, 2014 from 6pm to 7pm to finish the 2015 budget discussion. All members present voted aye.

Meeting adjourned.

Scott Hanlon, Mayor

Anita Lowary, Finance Officer